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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC 371 from  
the International Application of  
SAKO, Takashi et al  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US98/15853  
Filed in the RO/US on 30 July 1998  
Entitled: Hair Conditioning Composition Comprising  
Carboxylic Acid/Carboxylate Copolymer,  
And Visible Particle

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

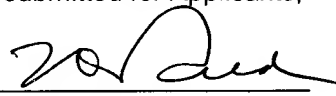
Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- \* In Claim 9 please replace the phrase "any of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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